

### **ASSASSIN NEWS (Alpha Battery)**

Assassin Families – greetings from Assassin 6! The Assassin Battery has just successfully completed the Battalion Live Fire Exercise from 12-13 OCT and the Table XV Evaluations from 24-28 SEP 10. The Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers of the Battery worked extremely hard to get all MLRS and equipment fully mission capable in order to become Table XV certified and qualified. Most notably, the Maintenance and Ammunition Sections of the Battery continue to be the secret ingredient in the sauce to keep the Assassin's above the competition. As usual, the Assassin Battery is leading the way in the Battalion!

The Assassin's now look forward to Fall Clean Up, preparation for the Holiday Party, and

spending quality time with our Family members.

The Assassin Battery was fortunate enough to have two Soldiers selected for promotion on 01 October 2010. PVT Braden Kamigawachi and PVT Dominique Hubbard were promoted to PV2. A job well done to these outstanding Soldiers!

Congratulations to newcomer Mrs. Andrya Rhodes for being recognized as a Volunteer of the Month award for September 2010! Mrs Rhodes has been an active volunteer for the families of Bravo Battery. Mrs. Rhodes volunteered to participate in Fort Hood Centurion Cross Fit's "Fight Gone Bad V" challenge which raises money for the Wounded Warrior Project – supporting severely injured service members. I would also like to

recognize Mrs. Kimberly Bick-nase for volunteering to become the FRG Treasurer for the Assassin Battery. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please contact Vicki Ortego for more information.

Lastly, the 1SG and I want to thank each and every Assassin Family member. Because of your love and support for the Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers of the Assassin Battery, we will continue to excel and accomplish our missions.

All the best,

CPT Marcus A. Harrison and  
1SG Troy J. Cummings



**PV2 MANSON BEING TREATED DURING TABLE XV.**



**CPT HARRISON IN MOPP IV DURING TABLE XV. THE ASSASSIN'S STAYED IN MOPP IV FOR ONE HOUR**

***DEMON NEWS (1st Fires- Alpha Battery)***

Welcome to another great month of Demon success. Our last field rotation has left the Assassin Battery with a well tuned, combat ready group of young soldiers in the 1st Fires Platoon.

The Demons were challenged over the course of four days with a myriad of operations in MLRS tactics and techniques during the September 24-28th table XV qualifications. Evaluations occurred during night and day operations to include night area occupation, platoon defense and basic fire mission processing. In addition, CASEVAC procedures, react to NBC attack and Class V resupply all became hallmarks of our Assassin battery training.

The Demons played a key role in the 1-21 FA's successful rotation, contributing to the Assassin battery's ability to proudly say they shot more missions than any of our sister units.

The 1st Fires followed their certification with a maintenance riddled Live Fire Exercise between OCT 12-13. Even with the constant hindrances of Murphy and mechanical setbacks, the Demons performed admirably firing a third of the Battery rockets. This was the first time for some of our 'new boots', as newly arrived Soldiers from AIT are so endearingly referred to, to put live ammunition on target, the main staple of their new and exciting careers.

Congratulation to newly promoted PFC Eddie Wyatt. He was advanced from PV2 on October 01, 2010. He is a shining example of what comes of hard work and outstanding Soldiering.

In addition, we need to recognize SSG Jason Murphy on his great performance during the table XV qualifications. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal by the 1-21 FA Battalion

Commander for his contributing success.

Lastly, the Demons will be missing their standard bearer in SFC McNatt for the next 90 days. He will be on convalescent leave after recovering from a recent surgery. He has, and will be sorely missed in the coming months. If you wish to extend your wishes or gifts please feel free to drop them off at the battery and we will ensure he receives all of the support we can give him during his recovery.

Thank you for tuning into another great month of Demon success, and stay tuned for more outstanding news on this units standard-setting achievements.

**Left– SSG Murphy is sporting the dust covered clown look after one of the Assassin convoy movements.**

**Right– PFC Wyatt stands in formation, waiting to be promoted on October 1, 2010.**





## WOLFPACK NEWS (2nd Fires- Alpha Battery)

Greetings to all family and friends of the Wolfpack Platoon! Your Soldiers were busy training these past two months achieving great recognition.

The philosopher Aristotle once said that excellence arises from habit. The Soldiers of 2nd Fires certainly proved this to be correct during the Table XV qualification in September! Wolfpack faced and overcame many challenges during this field problem which tested our MLRS tactics and procedures in a simulated war over a four day period. We maintained our combat readiness and fire mission capability through simulated indirect fire attacks and a simulated chemical attack. PFC Flaherty saved the day for Wolfpack on one occasion by spotting a simulated IED hidden on a trail in our platoon OPAREA. Wolfpack led the As-

sassin Battery to the heights of success through our fire mission processing. Assassin Battery out shot all sister units due to the hard work, skill and devotion of Wolfpack Soldiers!

Our training was not finished for as soon as Table XV qualifications were complete we began recoil operations and preparations for the 1-21FA Battalion Live Fire Exercise which ran from 12OCT through 14OCT. Wolfpack led the way firing 17 of the 30 Practice Rockets allotted to Assassin Battery. Our training was concluded with high speed confidence training in the CBRNE chamber loaded with CS gas. Wolfpack Soldiers wore protective MOPP IV gear and conducted drills in the chamber led by the Battalion chemical officer.


The celebration began with a Wolfpack platoon party at Pluck-

ers in October. The evening proved to be a great morale builder and a meet and greet for our new Soldiers in the platoon. A special thanks to all family and Soldiers who attended.

We salute and extend congratulations to all Wolfpack Soldiers who earned the Army Achievement Medal to include: SFC Rhodes, SGT Hall, PV2 Hubbard, SPC Lindholm and 2LT Mayor.

We look forward to a bright future for Wolfpack. Please keep all Wolfpack Soldiers and families in your thoughts and prayers!

-2LT Mark Mayor and  
SFC Michael Rhodes



**Left Picture:**  
PV2 Hubbard 's promotion on 1 OCT 2010. Congratulations!!

**Right Picture:**  
PV2 Kamigawachi's promotion on 1 OCT 2010. Congratulations!!

## ***WHAT'S HAPPENING IN "Assassin Land"***

**November 1st – FRG fundraiser in the motorpool**

**FRG meeting – Oveta Culp, 9 November, 2010  
(tentatively for 2nd week in the month)**

**November 25th – Thanksgiving**

**FRG meeting – TBD**

**December 17th – Battery Christmas party (details to be released soon)**

**Thank you to Mrs. Kim Bicknase! She has graciously volunteered to be the FRG Treasurer!**

**\*\*\*The FRG is always looking for new volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Vicki Ortego, the FRG leader. \*\*\***

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